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Advisory for Residents Returning Home After Arkema Chemical Plant Fire

Houston, TX-Harris County Public Health (HCPH) and Harris County Pollution Control Services (PCS) are advising residents who live within 1.5 miles of the Arkema Chemical Plant in Crosby, Texas, to take precautionary measures as they return back home after the mandatory evacuation was lifted overnight. This advisory will remain in effect until further testing can be completed.

For the residents within 1.5 miles of the Arkema Chemical Plant, Harris County is advising the following:

- **Use of protective clothing** – Protection for skin and air should be worn in and around the home to minimize exposure to hazards that could cause injuries or illnesses. This is the same precautionary measure that would be advised for those individuals with flooded homes and includes use of *closed toe shoes, gloves, surgical masks, pants and long sleeve shirts*.
- **Use of bottled water** – residents should drink bottled water until further notice.

At this time, HCPH is providing the ability for residents in the area to test their own private water wells. Testing kits can be picked up at the **Deussen Senior Center located at 12303 Sonnier, Houston, TX 77044** beginning September 5, 2017. The hours of operation for testing are 9am to 3pm.

This advisory is in effect until Harris County can complete additional testing. Residents will be notified immediately when this advisory is lifted. For continual updates, please check <http://www.hcphtx.org> or follow us on social media at: [@hcphtx](https://twitter.com/hcphtx) or [Harris County Public Health](https://www.facebook.com/hcphtx).

HCPH is the local public health agency for the Harris County, Texas jurisdiction. It provides a wide variety of public health activities and services aimed at improving the health and well-being of the Harris County community.

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